The Human Services Leadership Collaborative Degree Advantage

The excellence of UW Oshkosh, the UW Colleges System, and the UW-Extension together bring you the Human Services Leadership Collaborative (HSLC) Bachelor’s Degree

Building on its recognition as a leader in education and teacher training since 1871, UW Oshkosh added its human services degree program to its offerings in the 1970’s as a vehicle to educate and train people who would go on to do work that created positive social change. Today the accredited UWO Human Service Leadership program provides a course of study to prepare students in administration and management to serve in key leadership positions in human services locally and across the world.

The UW College System is an integral partner in the collaborative degree program, providing pre-advising to potential HSLC degree students and hosting courses regionally. The academic excellence and educational preparation offered through the Colleges lay the foundation for successful HSLC students. The UW Extension provides technical assistance in instructional design and vital technological connections for the program’s distance education delivery.

Unrivaled academic preparation and the spirit to serve the people of Wisconsin and beyond is the essence of the Wisconsin Idea - the philosophy that the University of Wisconsin System is in service to the people of the state and that its research should be used to solve problems and improve health, quality of life, the environment and agriculture for all citizens of the state and the world.

The Collaborative Degree Program advantage:

• The HSLC degree program fits the career path of traditional and non-traditional students
• General education courses are completed through the associate (AAS) degree program at the UW College and the credits transfer to UWO. Students enter the HSLC program as juniors
• UWO Human Services Leadership courses and field placements are held in the region for an in-demand degree; students don’t need to travel to the UW-Oshkosh campus for courses
• Dedicated, well trained faculty with diverse education and experience provide instruction and mentoring to students
• Small class size and cohorts allow students to know instructors and fellow students well
• Students have access to the UW Oshkosh and UW College libraries, technology, and academic support system
• Consortium agreements with collaborating institutions make financial aid available for qualifying students
• Field placements provide experiences for students to apply learning in local agencies and build mentoring relationships with leaders in the community
• The community and its stakeholders benefit from the involvement of students who are trained in cutting-edge and research-based best practice in the industry

Contact the UWO HSL Collaborative Degree office at (920) 424-0115 or visit our webpage at http://www.uwosh.edu/collabdegree/hs for more information.
**Academic and Career Preparation in Human Services Leadership**

A Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services Leadership from UW Oshkosh is the ideal degree program for the individual who desires a career in leading people and organizations to improve the human condition. UW Oshkosh HSLC majors learn to be agents of social change, assisting and empowering individuals, families and communities to cope successfully with developmental, personal, social and/or environmental problems. Students learn how to make differences in communities by shaping programs and policies.

A member of the National Organization of Human Services (NOHS) and accredited by the national Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE), the program emphasizes a broad-based awareness of social welfare, interpersonal and advocacy skills development, non-profit leadership and administration, strategic planning, program development and implementation. HSLC curriculum and instruction approved in the national accreditation process means that students receive high quality, cutting-edge instruction. The HSLC student’s understanding and acceptance of the NOHS Ethical Standards for Human Service Professionals is essential.

Mentored by an accomplished faculty, students will gain extensive understanding of the internal and external forces affecting individuals, acquire strong listening and problem solving skills and learn to empower others through therapeutic, teaching, counseling, supportive and preventive methods. In addition, students will gain the knowledge and skills needed for a full understanding of the typical scenarios and challenges encountered in the career field program that gives them professional hands-on experience in real community-based human service agencies.

For students who want to extend their academic experience globally, international coursework is an option in the undergraduate program. Beginning in Fall 2014, UW Oshkosh will offer a Master of Science degree in *Transnational Human Services Leadership*.

**Degree Requirements**

Students will periodically complete and must successfully pass criminal background checks prior to field placements.

The degree requires completion of 120 approved credits, 40 credits specifically in the HSL program. A minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA is required to enter HSLC courses. Students must attain a minimum GPA of 2.75 in the first three HSLC courses in order to be officially admitted into the HSLC program and the internship held in the second semester. A minimum GPA of 3.0 within the major is required to enter the advanced internship in the fourth/final semester.

**Career Prospects**

The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics ranks human services among the most rapidly growing occupations. As the need for social intervention programs increases, there is a great need for professionals who can work as counselors, case managers, and administrators who help individuals tackle life’s challenges in a variety of settings.

UW Oshkosh HSLC graduates are employed in a wide range of professionally challenging positions. Our graduates work children and adults, individuals and families. The programs and organizations they lead serve the unique and changing needs of people across the lifespan. From education, health care, family and public services, to protective services and institutional systems, UWO HSLC graduates possess qualifications that change lives and communities. Graduates put their knowledge and skills in human services leadership to work in administration and management, grant writing and resource allocation, strategic planning, coordination of human and material resources, and, collaboration.